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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
Washington

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Trends in National Security Programs Through
FY 1959

- REFERENCES:
- A. Memorandum for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Status of National Security Programs and Fiscal and Budgetary Outlook Through FY 1959," dated June 13, 1956
 - B. Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense from the Executive Secretary, NSC, subject, "Status of National Security Programs on June 30, 1956," dated June 4, 1956
 - C. NSC 5602/1
 - D. NSC 5525

The National Security Council, at its meeting on June 15, 1956, in an action in which the Attorney General, the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, and Mr. Ralph E. Spear for the Federal Civil Defense Administrator, participated with the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Special Assistant to the President for Disarmament, and the Director, Bureau of the Budget:

- a. Deferred action on NSC 5606 pending earliest practicable Council consideration of the estimated three-year projection of all national security programs and the fiscal and budgetary outlook thereon being prepared pursuant to the President's directive circulated by the reference memorandum on "Status of National Security Programs and Fiscal and Budgetary Outlook Through Fiscal Year 1959," dated June 13.

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- b. Agreed that each department and agency responsible for preparing an annual status report should be requested to submit, not later than July 15, 1956, the estimated projection of its program for the next three years, being prepared pursuant to the President's directive; without awaiting the completion of the regular annual report on the status of its program as of June 30, 1956. The object of this action is to facilitate the early action contemplated in a above.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency, in consultation with other departments and agencies as may be appropriate, submit not later than July 15, 1956, an estimated three-year (through FY 1959) projection of the status of the foreign intelligence program in achieving the objectives set forth in applicable national security policies, particularly NSC 5602/1. This projection should contain descriptive information on the status of principal elements of the foreign intelligence program for each of the three years, and expenditure estimates which are related to these elements. Assumptions underlying the projections should be clearly stated.

As indicated in the reference memorandum of June 13, the President has requested the Treasury Department and the Bureau of the Budget to prepare a report on the fiscal and budgetary outlook through FY 1959 based upon the program projections. As stated in that memorandum, it is the President's intention that these projections and the fiscal and budgetary outlook will enable the National Security Council to reappraise the emphasis being given and to be given the various elements of national strategy under NSC 5602/1, in the light of the trends in national security programs over the next three years, as was done by the Council early in 1953.

The reasons for requesting the three-year projections by July 15 are indicated above, particularly in the NSC action. However, the regular annual foreign intelligence status report, when submitted in accordance with my memorandum of June 4, should similarly contain such three-year projections.


Executive Secretary

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